

Stay Safe!

Protecting Yourself, Your Family, Friends, and Pets Before the Storm Strikes

At Home or Work:

Primary concerns deal with loss of heat, power and telephone service and a shortage of supplies if storm conditions continue for more than a day.

Have available:

- * Flashlight and extra batteries
- * Battery powered NOAA Weather Radio
- * Extra food and water- High energy food such as dried fruit, nuts, and granola bars are best, as is food that doesn't require cooking or refrigeration
- * Extra medicine and baby items
- * First aid supplies
- * Heating fuel- Refuel BEFORE you are empty. Fuel carriers may not reach you for several days after a significant winter storm
- * Emergency heat source- A fireplace, wood stove, or space heater are each excellent options with proper ventilation and fire prevention techniques
- * Fire extinguisher and working smoke alarm

In Vehicles:

- * Plan your travel and check the latest weather reports to avoid the storm. Let someone know your timetable as well as your primary and secondary travel routes.
- * Carry a winter survival kit, which should include:
 - ✓ Mobile phone with charger/batteries
 - ✓ Blankets/sleeping bags
 - ✓ Flashlight with extra batteries
 - ✓ First-aid kit
 - ✓ Knife
 - ✓ High calorie, non-perishable foods
 - ✓ Extra clothing
 - ✓ A large empty can to use as an emergency toilet, as well as tissues/paper towels
 - ✓ Small can and waterproof matches to melt snow for drinking water
 - ✓ Sand or cat litter to use for traction
 - ✓ Shovel
 - ✓ Windshield scraper and brush
 - ✓ Tool kit
 - ✓ Tow rope
 - ✓ Booster cables
 - ✓ Water container
 - ✓ Compass and road maps
- * Also, be sure to keep your gas tank near full to avoid ice in the tank and fuel lines
- * Try not to travel alone

On the Farm/Pets:

- * Move animals into sheltered areas.
 - ✓ Shelter belts, properly laid out and oriented, are better protection for cattle than confining shelters, such as sheds.
- * Haul extra feed to nearby feeding areas.
- * Have water available
 - ✓ Most animals die from dehydration in winter storms
- * Make sure pets have plenty of food, water and shelter.

Dress for the Weather:

- * Wear loose, light weight, warm clothes in layers
 - ✓ Trapped air insulates.
 - ✓ Remove layers to avoid perspiration and subsequent chill
- * Outer garments should be tightly woven, water repellent, and hooded.
- * Wear a hat
 - ✓ Half of your body heat is lost through your head.
- * Cover your mouth to protect your lungs from extreme cold
- * Mittens, sung at the wrist, are better than gloves.
- * Stay dry